

**MINUTES OF THE
AUBURN CITY HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2008**

The regular session of the Auburn City Historic Design Review Commission was called to order on November 4, 2008 at 6:02 p.m. by Vice Chair Worthington in the Council Chambers, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Nardini-Hanson, Spokely Worthington, Young, Briggs, Elder

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Chrm. Smith, Kidd

STAFF PRESENT: Wilfred Wong, Community Development Director; Joseph Scarbrough, Assistant Planner Intern; Lance Lowe, Associate Planner; Sue Fraizer, Administrative Assistant

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

ITEM II: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 7, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted.

ITEM IV: PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEM V: PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- A. **Historic Design Review - 137 Court Street (Collins & Collins) - File HDR 08-33.** The applicant requests Historic Design Review approval for the installation of one 1.37 square foot freestanding sign for Collins & Collins located at 137 Court Street.

Planner Scarbrough presented the staff report. He provided details about the sign, including location, size, materials and colors. The sign is consistent with the sign guidelines and staff recommends approval of the sign.

Comm. Spokely stated that he observed the sign already in place and asked if the applicant was advised that they must remove the sign prior to HDRC approval.

Planner Scarbrough replied that they were advised that they should remove the sign.

Comm. Elder said that she noticed this sign has a phone number.

Director Wong reminded the Commission that the HDRC cannot regulate sign content. He would like to focus on the appropriateness of the sign, design and location.

Comm. Spokely stated his concern that this sign has already been installed prior to approval by the HDRC.

Director Wong stated that this is a situation that will occur from time to time, however staff would not recommend the sign for approval if it was not appropriate.

Comm. Spokely suggested that a notation be made in future staff reports when signs have already been installed so that the Commission is aware of it.

Comm. Nardini-Hanson **MOVED** to:

Adopt HDRC Resolution No. 08-38 as presented, approving one 1.37 square foot freestanding sign for Collins & Collins, as illustrated in Exhibits B - D.

Comm. Briggs **SECONDED**.

AYES: Nardini-Hanson, Spokely, Worthington, Young, Briggs,
Elder
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Kidd, Chrm. Smith

The motion was approved.

B. Historic Design Review - 1215 Lincoln Way (Police Department Carport) - File HDR 08-34. The applicant requests Historic Design Review approval of one 14 foot by 36 foot by 16 foot metal carport located in the Auburn Police Department parking lot located at 1215 Lincoln Way.

Planner Lowe presented the staff report. The City of Auburn Police Department has acquired a Command Unit. In order to protect the

vehicle from the weather, the Public Works Department has installed a metal carport. The materials and design are not befitting of the Historical Design Review District, however the carport will have limited visual impact. Planner Lowe reviewed the photos showing the views of the carport from every direction. The location is far from the street, and is hidden from view by trees. Given the length of the carport, another location is not feasible.

Comm. Elder asked if the carport could be painted.

Planner Lowe replied that it can be painted.

Comm. Briggs expressed her concern that if this is approved, it will set a precedent for other businesses.

Planner Lowe replied that as indicated in the staff report the structure is not consistent with the intent of the Historic Design standards, therefore the recommendation for approval should be based upon the limited aesthetic impact of the structure on the Historic District.

Comm. Briggs asked why the structure was put up prior to approval by the HDRC.

Planner Lowe replied that it was installed in error.

Comm. Spokely asked if the Command Unit is owned solely by the Auburn Police Department.

Jack Warren, Director of Public Works replied that it is. He explained that there really is not another location to house the Command Unit. He stated that it was the Public Works Department's fault that the proper permits were not obtained to construct the carport. He explained that because some prefabricated buildings do not require building permits, they were not aware that this one does.

Comm. Worthington asked if the Corporation Yard was considered as an option for housing the vehicle.

Director Warren replied that it was, however all of the service bays are full.

Comm. Worthington asked if this is a permanent structure, or a quasi-permanent structure.

Director Warren replied that it is a quasi-permanent structure and if funds become available it would be possible to build a permanent structure.

The public hearing was opened. There were no comments from the audience. The public hearing was closed.

Comm. Elder suggested a paint color of green or brown.

The Commissioners discussed the possibility of continuing this item. Staff pointed out that the building permit will not be issued until the HDRC has approved the project.

The Commissioners discussed painting the carport and determined that they prefer brown and would let staff choose the exact color.

Comm. Briggs **MOVED** to:

Adopt HDRC Resolution No. 08-39 approving one 14 foot by 36 foot by 16 foot metal carport located in the Auburn Police Department parking lot located at 1215 Lincoln Way, as modified that the carport will be painted a color that City staff deems appropriate.

Comm. Elder **SECONDED**.

AYES: Nardini-Hanson, Young, Briggs, Elder
NOES: Spokely, Worthington
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Kidd, Chrm. Smith

The motion was approved.

C. **Historic Design Review - 649 Lincoln Way (Community 1st Bank) - File HDR 08-35.** The applicant requests Historic Design Review approval for the repainting of the bell tower; installation of two ATMs with associated signage; construction of a trellis attached to the rear facade; and, monument and building signage for the Community 1st Bank building located at 649 Lincoln Way.

Comm. Briggs excused herself from the item and left the meeting due to its location within 500 feet of her business.

Planner Lowe presented the staff report. He provided details about the project including the background and description of the bell tower repainting, new ATMs, the trellis, and monument and building signage. It is staff's opinion that the improvements, materials and colors are of high quality and enhance the building facade and area. Staff recommends approval of the proposed building and improvements.

Comm. Spokely asked if the drive through ATM will be one way.

Planner Lowe said yes, it will be one way.

The public hearing was opened.

Mark Lund, President and CEO of Community First Bank introduced himself. The "campus" consists of 4.4 acres, one lower parcel and one upper parcel. Building A is intended for use as a bank on the main floor, administrative services upstairs and storage downstairs. The bell tower belongs to the City. Rather than the tower being all white, they feel it would look nicer with the color scheme of the bank buildings. They are in the process of selling Building C. The ice storage building will be used for storage, and they'll be leasing out the remaining 3 buildings.

Comm. Elder asked if the exterior of the ice house will be restored.

Mr. Lund replied that they plan to rebuild and restore the outside of the building.

Comm. Young asked if the colors on the bell tower need to be reviewed by other City departments.

Director Wong replied that it has already been reviewed by staff and the City Manager.

Comm. Spokely asked for clarification about the locations of the two ATMs which Mr. Lund provided.

The public hearing was opened.

Mike Holmes, Auburn City Councilman of 1225 Lincoln Way in Auburn stated that he welcomes the bank. He is concerned about the maintenance of the bell tower. He suggested that the tower remain white, unless the bank is willing to maintain it.

Mr. Lund stated that they are not interested in maintaining the tower in perpetuity.

The public hearing was closed.

Comm. Spokely **MOVED** to:

Adopt Resolution No. 08-40 approving the installation of two ATMs with associated signage; construction of a trellis attached to the rear facade; and monument and building signage as illustrated in Exhibits B-G, as modified by the

Historic Design Review Commission to remove the bell tower repainting component.

Comm. Nardini-Hanson **SECONDED.**

AYES: Nardini-Hanson, Spokely, Worthington, Young, Elder
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Briggs
ABSENT: Kidd, Chrm. Smith

The motion was approved.

Comm. Briggs returned to the meeting.

ITEM VI: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOLLOW-UP REPORTS

- A. City Council Meetings
No report.
- B. Future Historic Design Review Commission Meetings
A meeting is planned for November 18, 2008.
- C. Reports
None.

ITEM VII: HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION REPORTS

None.

ITEM VIII: FUTURE HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ITEM IX: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fraizer, Administrative Assistant